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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: OFFICIAL POLISH REACTION

1. PROFESSOR JAN SZCZEPANSKI, POLAND'S LEADING SOCIOLOGIST, LEADING NON-PARTY FIGURE, AND LEADING PROTESTANT LAYMAN, WHO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE LAST MONTH, WAS INVESTED WITH THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) JANUARY 18 IN A CEREMONY AT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. (HE HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN THE ANNUAL POLISH-BRITISH ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCES.) WHEN I APPROACHED TO OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS, HE TOOK ME ASIDE AND SAID THAT SECRETARY GIEREK HAD ASKED HIM TO CONVEY TO ME PERSONALLY THE SECRETARY'S GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND WITH "EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED DURING IT." AS I KNEW, SZCZEPANSKI WENT ON, HE HAD PASSED ON TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION CARROLL BROWN SOME SUBBESTIONS FROM THE FIRST SECRETARY BEFORE THE VISIT. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS, HE ADDED, THAT GIEREK HAD NOW CHOSEN HIM TO CONVEY TO ME HIS EXPRESSION OF COMPLETE SATISFACTION AND HIS THANKS TO ME FOR MY PART IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.

2. I SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD HAD A VERY CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT HE WANTED TO DO AND HOW HE WANTED TO DO IT. WE IN WARSAW HAD DONE OUR BEST TO HELP THE PRESIDENT REALIZE THOSE DESIRES, WITH  
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THE RESULT THAT WE ALL SAW.

3. COMMENT: SINCE THE SALIENT POINT SZCZEPANSKI HAD MADE BEFORE THE VISIT DEALT WITH GIEREK'S READINESS TO HAVE DR. BRZEZINSKI CALL ON THE PRIMATE, I TOOK SZCZEPANSKI'S MESSAGE TO REFER PARTICULARLY TO THE FACT THAT MRS. CARTER HAD MADE THE CALL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DR. BRZEZINSKI. END COMMENT.

4. THIS MORNING, AS WE WERE SEEING SENATOR STEVENSON OFF FOR ZURICH AND GENEVA, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. I SAID I HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT MR. GIEREK WAS VERY SATISFIED INDEED WITH THE VISIT. DIRECTOR SZEWCZYK OF DEPARTMENT III OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED THIS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, NOT ONLY WAS EVERYONE ON THE POLISH SIDE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT, BUT, "UNOFFICIALLY," HE COULD ALSO SAY THAT THEY WERE GREATLY RELIEVED, BECAUSE THERE HAD EARLIER BEEN SOME FEARS THAT IT MIGHT NOT TURN OUT SO WELL.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS UNALLOYED GRATIFICATION ON THE OFFICIAL POLISH SIDE AT THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT. END COMMENT.  
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